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Director of Panchayat Finance

*** 2247 Q.—SRI M. P. SUBRAMANIAM (on behalf of** SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR): Will the Hon. **the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—**

(*a*) the duties of the Director of Panchayat Finance,

(*b*) the strength of Gazetted and Non-Gazetted staff working under him with their respective jurisdictions; and

(*c*) the need for continuing the post of Examiner of Local Fund Accounts when a Director of Panchayat Finance has been appointed?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) The Director of Panchayat Finance has been assigned the following duties and assists the Additional Development Commissioner in his duties as Inspector of Panchayat Union :—

(i) Review of the Panchayat Development Schematic Budgets and providing of necessary guidance to the Unions.

(ii) Review of the Annual Budgets of Panchayat Unions as well as the progress of expenditure against such budgets and provision of necessary guidance to the Unions.

(iii) Prescribing the porcedures for the collection of Panchaya and Panchayat Union taxes and dues by the Village Officers and for their prompt adjustment to the credit of the Unions and Panchayats, including the proper supervision of such demands and collection.

(iv) Prescribing the procedures for the adjustment of advance payments of local cess, local cess surcharge, local cess surcharge matching grant, the local education grant, the midday meals grant, the post execution payment of the local works grant, the grants for agricultural development, etc., and evolving a system of checks to be applied in such adjustments and their final adjustment on the basis of booked actuals.

(v) To recommend changes in organisation and methods of work at the Taluk, divisional and district headquarters where such changes are necessary for effective handling of the finances referred to above.

(vi) To recommend suitable changes in the set up of the State level headquarters organisation, to be in-charge of budgetary control of Panchayat Union and Panchayat Finances and consolidation of Panchayat Union and Panchayat accounts in the State and to render necessary accounts to the Finance Department for claiming the State's due share of Central assistance in respect of Plan schemes implemented through Panchayat Unions.

(*b*) The strength of Gazetted and non-Gazetted staff is two and fifty-six respectively.

The Director of Panchayat Finance is a State Touring Officer who will assist the Additional Development Commissioner in his duties as Inspector of Panchayat Unions. He is also the

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Ex-Officio Deputy Secretary to Government. The Senior Accounts Officer and Junior Accounts Officer are also State Touring Officers. They assist the Director of Panchayat in the discharge of his duties. The non-Gazetted staff are not touring officers.

(c) The Examiner of Local Fund Accounts is the head of the *Audit Organisation* dealing with the audit and accounts of local bodies including Panchayat Union Councils. His functions are distinctly different from those of the Director of Panchayat Finance. The retention of the post of Examiner of Local Fund Accounts is necessary for carrying out the statutory audit functions entrusted to that department.

Sri M. P. SUBRAMANIAM : ஸார், இப்போது கனம் அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் சொல்லிய பட்டியலிலிருந்து, செய்ய வேண்டிய வேலைகள் எல்லாம் தற்காலிகமானவை என்று தெரிய வருவதால், இவர்களும் தற்காலிகமாக வேலையில் இருப்பார்களா அல்லது இந்த வேலைகள் முடிந்த பிறகும் வேலையில் இருப்பார்களா என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : வேலைகள் முடிந்த பிறகு அவர்கள் அவசியமா என்பதைப் பற்றி பரிசீலனை செய்ய வேண்டும்.

S.T. Hindu College (Nagercoil)

* 2248 *Q.*—Sri T. S. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of cases registered against a former Secretary of the S. T. Hindu College Association, Nagercoil, by the Police Department and the details thereof;

(*b*) number charge-sheeted;

(*c*) whether the former Secretary represented to the Government for the withdrawal of the cases promising to pay back any amount due from him after an audit;

(*d*) whether any investigating audit was ordered by the department;

(*e*) if so, when and if not, why not; and

(*f*) the reasons for the delay in charge-sheeting other cases?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) & (*b*).—The former Secretary of the Association was charge-sheeted on three counts in respect of three different sums of money. He was acquitted by the Magistrate.

(*c*) No, Sir.

(*d*) & (*e*).—The matter is under consideration.

(*f*) Does not arise.